



West Lafayette Go Greener Commission
609 West Navajo Street
West Lafayette, IN 47906

West Lafayette Go Greener Commission Meeting

Minutes of Regularly Scheduled Commission Meeting

Tuesday, April 8, 2014, 6:11 PM

West Lafayette Public Library, West Lafayette City Hall

Attending: Allen Jacobsen; Lindsey Payne; Parr Durr; Peter Bunder; Andrew Tuholski; James Britton

Absentees: Gene Hanus; Aparna Puri; Tom Voight; Thom Davis; Kara Salazar

Others: Dave Henderson; Zachary Baier

Agenda

- I. Allen: Call to order & introductions, 6:11 PM
- II. Allen: Approval of minutes—no quorum, Lindsey will send out with request to review and approve/correct: November, December, January, February, March
- III. Allen: Financial Report
 - a. Current balance: \$1,427.43
- IV. Allen: Commission appointments
 - a. Application for Spencer Evans – Natural Resources/Environmental and Ecological Engineering, International Agriculture; President of Full Circle Agriculture Club
 - b. Lindsey: I highly recommend him
 - c. Peter: Will make him a council appointment
 - d. Allen: Aparna and Kara's (commission appointment) appointments are up
 - e. Lindsey: I'm pretty sure Kara will not want to continue, she is super busy
- V. Allen: Election of officers
 - a. Allen: wants to pass on chair position
 - b. Lindsey: do we need to reevaluate what we are doing/where we are going and maybe meeting
 - c. Parr: I do think we need to talk about this, I'm still not sure what we do
 - d. Lindsey: our mission: *"The West Lafayette Go Greener Commission promotes environmental health in our community for present and future generations. The commission gathers and disseminates information; plans and promotes practical initiatives and public policies; and measures, monitors, and reports on our community's progress on sustainability."*
 - e. James: we are faced with this issue of what do we do unless we are brought an issue? Zachary's group inventoried neighborhood signs and brought this to city to have them act upon it, city council sent out letters to landlords; what is relevant is picking an issue, doing your research, and presenting to council
 - f. Peter: initially put into city government to give environmental issues a presence, gives opportunity to do something once issue arises; we did work on trash—we lost; does



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anyone have energy to work around this topic again because we have the data for this, but this takes time and energy

- g. James: we need more help, i.e., harnessing energy from Purdue students
- h. Allen: let's all state one environmental issue we want to work on
 - Allen: more space available for community gardens in West Lafayette; city should adopt high-performance building standards
 - Peter: trash, trouble is behavior is only modified by cost of service, but we need trash sub-committee to move, i.e., present something so Peter can present to council
 - Dave: tip hat to Diane Damico, what happened plastic bags committee? Lindsey: we could do a bag fee or ban?; food waste diversion; James: NC city or state was banning garbage disposals; Peter: Purdue is the largest restaurant we have so what if we pass a city ordinance?
 - Lindsey: I like community garden idea; really like ideas of rain gardens/barrels; Dave: working on response to Clean Community Challenge via stormwater fee; Peter: might be worth exploring as an ordinance—show me data
 - Parr: like community garden/rain garden idea, prairie restoration, would save so much money, time, labor, etc. and is beautiful, could be an educational opportunity; second – not sure what neighborhood ordinance is for upkeep, but we could use an ordinance curtailing this
 - Andrew: whatever we want to tackle, we need to think about who/what is behind it, what are our funds used for? Allen: we need to provide valid reasons to spend money and then we can spend it; trash, rain barrels make sense; look at other communities we aspire to be like and go from there
 - Zach: focus on community aspect, utilize student groups
 - Lindsey: these are all great ideas, but how are we going to do them? Maybe we need to shift our efforts to be supervisors to volunteers versus volunteers on the ground
 - Andrew: we all can do something, we can pick a topic and delegate
 - Parr: maybe we should start by looking into what other cities are doing and will present back to group at next meeting
 - James: opportunity to jump on State Street Master Plan, once the planners present plan, we can help push it through; Peter: this commission needs to appoint someone to go to the meetings – James will do that
 - Lindsey: can we help support the Clean Community stuff? Dave: yes, I will bring things to the next meeting

VI. Allen: Report of Sub-Committees

- a. Allen: trash committee needs to meet, Allen will send a reminder email



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- b. Allen: events committee, Global Fest – would like to continue recycling efforts, we have compostable dinnerware we need to use; Lindsey: can we donate to local restaurants to have them try them? Riverfest – we need bins, yes will be set them up, Allen will serve as contact
 - c. James: digital outreach committee - reached out to Anthony with the city
- VII. Allen: New Business / Announcements
 - a. Apr-11, Friday, Wabash Sampling Blitz, speel@wabashriver.net
 - b. Apr-30, Composting workshop, Allen will contact Morton Center to see if a room would be available; send out press release, Facebook, etc.; Lindsey will contact Rick to follow up on needs.
- VIII. Allen: Adjournment
- IX. Lindsey motions to adjourn, Allen seconds, adjournment, 7:19 PM

Next meeting May 13, 2014, 6:00 PM!

Recorded by Lindsey Payne and submitted to Allen Jacobsen on April 8, 2014.